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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN ROLE IN JULY ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS

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1. SUMMARY. MFA ADDITIONAL SECRETARY EXPLAINS PAKISTAN
ROLE IN JULY ISLAMIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, EYODOYUING
HOPE IT WILL BE UNDERSTOOD BY USG AND NOT ADVERSELY
AFFECT DESIRED USG SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN'S CANDIDACY FOR
UN SEAT. GOP BELIEVES IT IS HANDS DOWN FRONT RUNNER FOR
UNSC SEAT. END SUMMARY.

2. NAIK A. NAIK, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MFA, STATED IN
MEETING WITH DCM YESTERDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT REMAINS
CONVINCED IT IS A FRONT-RUNNER FOR THE SECURITY
COUNCIL SEAT BEING VACATED BY IRAQ AND EXPECTS THAT BY
EARLY SEPTEMBER BOTH THE PHILIPPINES AND INDIA WILL HAVE
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WITHDRAWN THEIR CANDIDACIES AND LEFT THE FIELD TO PAKISTAN.

IN SUPPORT OF THESE STATEMENTS, HE BRIEFLY WENT OVER THAT HE HAD ALREADY REPORTED TO DCM (REFTEL A).

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, NAIK SAID HIS GOVERNMENT IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT A REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE PAK AMBASSADOR IN ROME BASED UPON HIS CONVERSATION IN ROME WITH THE FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS WHO HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM NEW YORK. REPORT RECEIVED WAS TO EFFECT THAT SOME OF PAKISTAN'S FRIENDS--AND HERE THE ITALIAN DEPUTY CHIEF SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE UNITED STATES--HAD DECIDED NOT TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN FOR THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT BECAUSE OF ITS SUPPORT OF THOSE RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM THE UN AS PASSED AT THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN JIDDA AND THE OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA.

4. NAIK WANTED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT PAKISTAN WAS VERY MUCH A RELUCTANT DRAGON IN THE FORMULATION AND PASSAGE OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE RESOLUTION AGAINST ISRAEL. NAIK SAID AZIZ AHMED BLUNTLY TOLD THE EGYPTIANS AND OTHERS THAT TO TRY TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM THE UN WAS A "FOOLISH MOVE." PAKS TOOK LINE AT THE CONFERENCE (AND HERE NAIK REQUESTED THAT NONE OF THESE PARTICULARS REACH THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE) THAT THE RESOLUTION MIGHT WELL AGGRAVATE THE MIDDLE EASTERN SITUATION. OTHER MODERATES WERE EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA AND SOME AFRICAN STATES. RESOLUTION WAS, HOWEVER, INITIATED BY SYRIA AND PLO. PAKISTAN, SAID NAIK, URGED MODERATION AND SPECIFICALLY STRESSED THAT NO RESOLUTION FOR THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL BE INTRODUCED EARLY ON IN THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. RATHER, GOP MAINTAINED THAT THOSE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION SHOULD WAIT AND SEE HOW MATTERS DEVELOP AND TAKE NO ACTION WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND UNTIL ALL WERE CONVINCED THAT INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION NECESSARY TO BRING PRESSURE UPON ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

5. NAIK SAID IT HAS NOT AT ALL BEEN RESOLVED WHEN RESOLUTION AGAINST ISRAEL WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE STATED UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT IT WILL NOT COME

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UP IN THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION SINCE IT WOULD ONLY INTRUDE UPON OTHER MATTERS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE THIRD WORLD.

6. IF THE EGYPTIANS HAD COME OUT OPENLY AGAINST THE RESOLUTION NAIK EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT GOP, IRAN AND SOME AFRICAN STATES WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED EGYPT. PAKISTAN, HE SAID, WAS IN NO POSITION TO TAKE THE LEAD IN THIS MATTER. NAIK EMPHASIZED HE WAS GIVING THESE PARTICULARS BECAUSE

HE WANTED NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS SCORE AND BECAUSE PAKISTAN IS HOPEFUL THAT IT WILL HAVE US SUPPORT FOR THE UN SEAT. NAIK SAID AMBASSADOR YAQUB KHAN HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO CONVEY FOREGOING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

7. NAIK MENTIONED ALSO THAT TWO DAYS AGO HIS MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE PAK UN MISSION TRANSMITTING REQUEST FROM THE INDIAN UN DELEGATION THAT DURING THIRTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY A MEETING BE ARRANGED BETWEEN INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND, AND MINISTER AZIZ AHMED, WHO IS EXPECTED TO LEAD THE PAK DELEGATION. NAIK REPLIED THAT THE MINISTRY HAS ALREADY REPLIED THAT NOT ONLY WOULD AZIZ AHMED LIKE TO MEET WITH THE INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BUT WOULD BE OBLIGED IF THEY MIGHT HAVE DINNER TOGETHER. IT EXPECTED BY PAKS THAT AT THIS MEETING AN IMPORTANT TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION MIGHT WELL BE THE CANDIDACIES OF PAKISTAN AND INDIA FOR THE UN SEAT. THROUGH A NUMBER OF SOURCES (HERE NAIK MENTIONED THEIR EMBASSIES IN THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES) GOP HAS PICKED UP THE INFORMATION THAT WITH RESPECT TO THEIR COMPETITION FOR THE UN SEAT THE INDIANS WILL MAKE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE OFFERS TO GOP: (1) THAT BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN WITHDRAW IN FAVOR OF MALAYSIA (PHILIPPINES NOT LIKELY TO BE A WINNER BECAUSE OF ANTIPATHY OF MUSLIM COUNTRIES AS RESULT PRESENT EVENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES), AND (2) THAT THEY SPLIT THE TERM --ONE YEAR FOR EACH. NAIK SMILED THROUGHOUT HIS RECOUNTAL OF THE EXPECTED INDIAN COMPROMISE PROPOSALS AND INDICATED THAT THE MINISTRY LOOKS UPON THEM AS BEYOND THE REASONABLE AND SAID THE PAKS WILL STICK TO THEIR GUNS. PAKS BELIEVE THAT INDIANS--ESPECIALLY INDIRA--CANNOT AFFORD TO TAKE A DEFEAT ON THIS ISSUE FOR AFTER THEIR "TROUNCNG" LAST YEAR IN THE ECOSOC, ANY DEFEAT IN THE RACE FOR THE UN SEAT IS LIABLE TO BE ATTRIBUTED BY THE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS IN INDIA TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THE POOR INDIAN WORLD IMAGE ARISING OUT OF INDIAN CURRENT DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS. BYROAD

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